

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A turbine housing comprising a housing body having a first end, a second end and a central region, wherein the housing body comprises:

a bore running therethrough, and wherein the bore tapers from a first larger cross-section at and/or in the region of the first and second ends to a second, smaller cross-section towards the central region[.] ; and

fluid flow restriction means comprising two moveable members, one each located towards the first and second end of the housing, and arranged such that one of the first and/or second fluid flow restriction means moves to the first position when the other of the second and/or fluid flow restriction means moves to the second position.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the cross-section of the bore in the central portion is selected from the group of shapes consisting of rectangular, cylindrical, oval or square.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claims 1 or 2 wherein the shape of the first and second end is selected from the group of shapes consisting of frusto-conical, frusto-pyramidal or trumpet shaped.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claims 1 or 2 wherein the cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the housing is selected from the group of shapes consisting of rectangular or square, and the shape of the first and second end comprises a flared extension of the rectangular or square cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the housing.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 1 any preceding claim wherein the first and second end comprise a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet respectively.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 1 any preceding claim wherein the central portion of the housing comprises means to house a turbine or a rotatable shaft of the turbine.

Claim 7 (original): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 6 wherein the central portion of the housing comprises a bore of uniform cross-section, and suitably the means to house a turbine or rotatable shaft if located substantially centrally within the central portion.

Claims 8 - 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 1 ~~Claims 8 or 9~~ wherein the fluid flow restriction means restricts speed and/or direction of fluid flow through the housing.

Claims 11 - 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 8 to 13~~ further comprising a movement limiting means operably co-operable with the means to restrict fluid flow, such that the means to restrict fluid flow is limited between the first and second positions only.

Claim 15 (original): A turbine housing as claimed in Claim 14 wherein the movement limiting means comprises an arresting pin which serves to prevent the movement limiting means to ~~restrict from~~ restrict fluid flow from moving out of the range of the first and second positions.

Claim 16 (original): A prime mover comprising a turbine housing as claimed in ~~any one~~ of Claim[[s]] 1 to 15, on which is mounted a turbine.

Claim 17 (original): A prime mover as claimed in Claim 16 further comprising means to connect the turbine housing to a fixed structure.

Claim 18 (original): A prime mover as claimed in Claim 17 wherein the means to connect the turbine housing to a fixed structure comprises means to connect the turbine housing to an ocean, river or sea bed.

Claim 19 (original): A prime mover as claimed in Claim 18 mounted within a floatation unit, arranged in use to enable the prime mover to float in a fluid medium.

Claim 20 (original): A prime mover as claimed in Claim 19 wherein the floatation unit comprises means to enable entrapment of air within the floatation unit and means to enable control of release of air trapped within the floatation unit to enable the prime mover to float or sink in a fluid medium to a desired depth.

Claim 21 (original): A prime mover as claimed in Claim 19 or 20 wherein the floatation unit further comprises a waterproof shell, arranged in use to protect a mounted turbine's electrical components from the fluid medium.